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ASSISTANT SECRETARY TO GOVT. 16 DEC 1939 CHIEF SECTY.

To,

The Chief Secretary,

To The Government of Madras,

(Home Department) M A D R A S.

The Proprietor,

Star Cinema and Krishna Talkies Bellary. Petitioner.

The Petitioner most humbly begs to submit as follows:-

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(1) The petitioner was furnished with a copy of the amendment to the Cinematograph Rules by the taluk office Bellary and was called upon to carry out the requirements thereunder within three days. The amendment is contained in G.O. No. 2192 dated 20-4-39., Home Department and Rule No 38 has been amended. While the old rule required that six buckets of water and four portable fire extinguishers were required to be kept in the Auditorium, the present amendment requires that five gallons of water per 100 Sq. Ft. of floor area should be stored in buckets and 4 portable fire extin--guishers should be provided in the Auditorium.

(2) The Petitioner submitted a petition to the District Magistrate of Bellary pointing out the im--practicability of making the provision as required and praying for his intervention. The Petitioner was informed that the District Magistrate has no power to grant the request. Hence this petition.

(3) The two Cinemas have approximately a floor area of 4000 Sq. Ft., each. According to the amendment the water provision will work out at 200 gallons per Cinema.

This water is to be stored in 100 buckets under the rules. The rules further require that the buckets should have round bottoms. This means that they cannot be kept on the floor. They can only be hung up by hooks attached to stands. 20 stands capable of holding 5 buckets each have to be provided. This will give an idea of the work involved and the amount of floor space that would be occupied by these stands. When it is remembered that these stands could only be placed in the pit, the inconvenience of curtailing the available floor space could easily be imagined.

(4) The number of buckets involved would show the amount of labour required to keep them in proper trim and also in renewing the supply every day.

(5) The location of the buckets in the pits would make them easily available to the audience of lowest class and is therefore liable to be dirtied.

(6) Many of the buckets are liable to be easily upset and the floor area rendered not only uninhabitable but also highly insanitary.

(7) Under the Public Resort Act 200 gallons of water is required to be stored in the premises. This required quantity of water is already being stored in the premises, in masonary cisterns and steel drums This provision of cisterns and drums would be more than enough to meet any exigency.

(8) The petitioner realises the necessity to provide adequate fire fighting appliances. He may be permitted to suggest that this amended rule 38 can be met with by the storing of water in the cisterns and drums in the premises near the auditorium and keep 12 buckets for handy use in case of any emergency.

(9) The Petitioner humbly submits that a strict compliance of Rule 38 (1) as amended will work out a hardship besides highly inconveniencing the management by curtailing the available floor space, and rendering the same highly insanitary. The petitioner submits that it is just, not to require a strict compliance of the Rule in its present form, but that a substantial compliance thereof in the manner suggested may be deemed sufficient.

(10) The Petitioner humbly prays that the Local Authorities may be instructed accordingly.

(11) The Petitioner also prays that the operation of the amended rule may be kept in abeyance pending final orders on this petition.

V. Jayaram chetty
PETITIONER.

Bellary
Dated 14th. December 39.

Copy to the Chief Electrical Inspector to Government for favour of consideration and recommendation in view of the difficulties explained.

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Endt No. 42342 G-1 Dt 19/12/39

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Cinematograph- Star Cinema and Krishna Talkies, Bellary- Exemption from rule 38 of the Cinematograph rules- Refce Petition from (the) proprietor d 14.12.39

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Referred to the D.M; Bellary, for remarks

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To

The D.M. Bellary.

(with cf to be rtd with reply)

for 19/12

Date 19.12.39

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In reply, please quote number, date and short title.*

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Magisterial DEPARTMENT. 26/1 Leo. Pre

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From (Name) A.D. Crombie Esq., C.I.E., I.C.S.,

(Designation) District Magistrate

Post Box ____, (Station) Bellary

Telegraphic Address ____

To

The Secretary to Government,
Home Department, M A D R A S.

D.Dis. *No.* 1421/39, *dated* 22-1-1940

Sir,

Enclosures ____

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Cinematograph - Star Cinema and Krishna Talkies, Bellary - petition for exemption from rule 38 of the Cinematograph rules - remarks - submitted.

Ref: Government Endorsement No. 42342 G-1 dated 19-12-1939.

I have inspected both the cinemas referred to in the petition. They are very similar in form, the walls being built of solid stone. The operating room in each is built on to the auditorium with small apertures in one of the end walls through which the pictures are projected. A fire in the operating-room would not penetrate into the auditorium with any rapidity. The roof of the auditorium has a wooden framework, and is supported on wooden pillars, and there are wooden benches, screens and fencing in the auditorium.

2. It is correct to say that 100 buckets of 2 gallons size are needed in each theatre according to the revised rule 38. The size is however not limited to 2 gallons, but it is the most handy for use in an emergency.

3. I agree with the contention of the petitioner that it is not desirable to keep buckets in the pit. They should be hung up round the walls, but the space available is much limited by the doors and windows in the side walls. I do not however agree that the present arrangement of cisterns and drums inside the auditorium is adequate

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adequate for dealing with an amergency

Taking into consideration that the auditorium is completely isolated from the operating room, I think the scale of 5 gallons per 100 square feet is excessive for both these theatres and may be relaxed. A scale of 2 gallons would in my opinion be adequate. In that case forty 2-gallon buckets would be required and should be distributed evenly around the walls of the auditorium so that each section of it has buckets close at hand.

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Arthur L. Khan
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P.S. 24/1.

For District Magistrate.

of the rules under the Places of Public Resort Act and with rule 33(5)(b) of the rules under the City Police Act. It was also considered that the existing scale of storing water was inadequate. As regards the reason at 'A' above, it is submitted that there may be other theatres similarly constructed and it is doubtful whether a relaxation should be granted in this case alone. Please see the Vizagapatam District Letter (para 3) on pages 5-6 of G.O.No. 5392 Home dated 5.10.35, and the (W) series note on page 7 of the G.O. regarding the idea underlying the amended rule.

3. Attention is solicited, ~~in this connection~~, to G.O. No. 5592, Home, dated 25-10-1939 ~~and to G.O.~~ No. 5743, Home, dated 1-11-1939 in which requests to relax rule 38 have been negatived. (W) (X)

4. For orders whether the request of the petitioner will be complied with.

XX on pages 5 and 6 c.f. These features are presumably common to many cinema theatres. Relaxation of rule 38 on the lines suggested by the D.M. in favour of the two cinemas in question will be an inconvenient precedent and will defeat the object in introducing that rule in its present form. The request of the petitioner may be turned down.

A draft order is submitted

HOME (B) DEPARTMENT.

Cinematograph - Star Cinema and Krishna Talkies, Bellary - Exemption from rule 38.

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(From Sri V. Jayarama Chetty, proprietor, dated 14-12-1939.
Endt. to the D.M. Bellary, No.42342G-1, dated 19-12-1939.
From the D.M. Bellary, D.Dis.No.1421/1939, dated 22-1-1940).

The proprietor of the Star Cinema and the Krishna Talkies, Bellary, ~~has~~ requested that rule 38 of the Cinematograph Rules, which provides that a supply of not less than five gallons of water per 100 sq.feet of floor area of the cinema, should be stored in buckets, may be relaxed in the case of his cinemas. The D.M. Bellary, ~~(whose remarks were invited on the petition) states that he~~ who inspected both the cinemas referred to in the petition, ~~that the operating room in each is built on to the auditorium with small apertures in one of the end walls through which the pictures are projected and that a fire in the operating room would not penetrate into the auditorium with any rapidity. He~~ says that the scale of 5 gallons per 100 sq.ft. is excessive for both these theatres ~~and may be relaxed. He recommends~~ and that a scale of 2 gallons per 100 sq.ft. would, ~~in his opinion~~, be adequate because the auditorium is completely isolated from the operating room.

2. The present provision in rule 38 for the storing of water was made in G.O.No.2192, Home, dated 20-4-1939. Please see the discussions relating to the amendment at pp.167-170 of the G.O. The rule was amended so as to bring it in line with rule 28(5

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READ AGAIN _____, dated _____ 19____

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READ *ALSO*:—

pp 1-3 of No. 42824 From the Proprietor Star Cinema and Krishna Talkies, Bellary No. Nil, dated 14.12.1939

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pp 5-6 of " _____ " D.M. Bellary " Dis No 1421/39. d 22/11/1940

Order ~~Resolution~~ ~~Reso~~ Ms. No. 637, dated 7-2-40 19____

Precedent at p 8 of (W) -Go 5592 Home 25.10.39

*pp 12-13 of Bk No 51 in Steps Shelf

The petitioner as informed that rule 38* of the Cinematograph ~~Rules~~ rules must be observed

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To

The petitioner /

The D.M. Bellary (V Mr Ti Lo)